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Kahane's men harry premier Hecklers stop Begin speech

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Menahem Begin's first visit to the West Bank in some 20 months ended in near-chaos yesterday, with the premier escorted day and night by bitter heckling in the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, adjacent to Hebron.

Begin came to speak at the dedication of a new multi-million dollar yeshiva on the southern slope of the settlement. But from the outset right-wing activists showed their determination to harry the premier.

Shouting "traitor" and "liar," members of Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kaach movement tried to block Begin's entry to the dining-hall of

the new yeshiva building. Worried-looking guards finally shepherded Begin in and police and border police, using force, successfully kept the Kaach activists from breaking into the hall.

Begin began his speech after hearing his government's plan in several languages by Kiryat Arba's Rabbi Moshe Levinger. But hecklers did not give him a chance to respond effectively to Levinger's attack.

Almost as soon as the prime minister, looking pale and strained, rose to speak, a heckler began screaming "Traitor! traitor!" Policemen and ushers dragged him away from the dais, but failed to silence him completely.

The premier regained his composure and began, "Fifty years ago Jews were slaughtered near this very spot." A second heckler leaped to his feet and began yelling in an American accent, "You have betrayed the Jewish nation!" He, too, was dragged off screaming.

Begin went on, "The land of Israel was always ours and will remain ours, and I will work for this until my last days." At that point a lengthy squabble broke out in the middle of the hall between the premier's antagonists and ushers who tried unsuccessfully to evict them. Begin sat down without completing his remarks, and without making a convincing response to the charges hurled at him by Rabbi (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

New crisis at El Al as deadline nears

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Another crisis is threatening the future existence of El Al, as the deadline for solving the airline's problems looms just four days away. Negotiations between the airline's management and the ground crews committee deadlocked last night when the committee refused to discuss demands for wage cuts until El Al board of directors chairman Abraham Shavit signs their still-pending new wage agreement.

The wage agreement is now before the Tel Aviv Labour Court. Therefore it is considered *sub judice* and cannot be discussed, the chairman of the workshops works committee, Gilad Solomon, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

But, according to Solomon, Shavit asked the ground workers to give up wage differentials specified in the wage agreement; to transfer administrative authorities to the executive of the airline; to prepare a list of possible dismissals by March; and to commit themselves not to strike in the next three to five years.

agreement. Buma got up and said 'my wife is the best in the world and I love her most in the world and I'm going home,' and he went home," said Solomon.

Shavit left the works committee with acting director-general Rafi Har-lev and executive board representative Benny Gabai to continue the negotiations. But the works committee refused to talk to them and also went home.

Another meeting between Shavit and the works committee was expected today and El Al's board of directors, is scheduled to meet this evening. The board will try to assess whether the company has a chance of completing negotiations with the various works committees in the four days before the deadline for the airline's threatened closure.

Two negotiating teams had been appointed yesterday by management to formulate wage agreements with the air stewards and the ground crews. They are in addition to the team already working with the pilots.

The air stewards works committee stopped negotiations yesterday when they were asked to follow the pilots' example and give up the foreign currency component in their salary. The air stewards intend to discuss this issue with the Histadrut today and then return to the negotiating table, it was learned.

"Shavit told us that the airline is in danger of being closed, and that we must join the effort to keep the company on its feet. We told him that we were prepared to talk with him about measures for saving money as soon as he signs the wage

Hurvitz gets his way on C-o-L terms

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

The agreement between the government and the Histadrut on payment of a cost-of-living increase with January salaries is in fact very close to the original demands of Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz, and not much of a compromise, an analysis of the terms shows.

Hurvitz at first said he would require a ceiling of IL12,000 on the salaries or parts of salaries eligible for compensation, and refused to have the income tax brackets adjusted in January to the new salary levels, although these result only from compensation for inflation.

The increases for January are linked at 100 per cent to the consumer price index and calculated on the basis of cost-of-living averages for the period September-October-November, over June-July-August. Now, according to the agreement between Hurvitz and Housing Minister David Levy for the government, and Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel for the Histadrut, the ceiling will be the national average for the year 1979. This, economists say, comes out to IL12,000-IL12,500, which is not far from Hurvitz' original demand, but very far from the compensation that Meshel was demanding.

The ceiling for previous compensation has been IL21,900 — and Meshel at first wanted the same ceiling for January. Then he was willing to retreat to the average for the end of 1978, which is IL15,000-IL16,000 — but what he got in the end was considerably lower than that, too.

Economists estimate that salaried workers will lose about IL1,000 a month for January, February and March (until the next cost-of-living increase) just because of the change in the definition of "average salary." Hurvitz also stood his ground on tax brackets, so that income tax will reclaim a good part of the compensation.

Dr. Zvi Susman, deputy to the

governor of the Bank of Israel, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that with today's rate of inflation (10 per cent last month alone) a cost-of-living increase should be paid automatically every two months, with the rate of compensation determined by the government and Histadrut every six months.

It was clear that the current formula for compensation is useless with this rate of inflation, Susman said, adding that compensation should not come at the expense of wage agreements. But he said he found nothing wrong with the rate of compensation which will be paid in January.

Hurvitz wrote to Meshel, in response to a letter from him, giving extensive details of the government's economic policy. Among other things, he notes that the government is aware that cut-backs might create temporary unemployment "pockets" in some areas and some sectors of the economy.

Other points in the letter: • With budgets being cut, it is impossible to continue the current universal method of paying child allowances. The government will make them selective, so they go to those who need them most. The Finance Minister will also insist on combining its revenue collection with that of the National Insurance Institute.

• Sick-fund fees will go up, but the government may accept a Histadrut demand to turn over 0.3 per cent of National Insurance revenues to sick funds, and will increase the share of health insurance borne by the employers.

• There will be no extended school day programme, except in a few priority schools, and there at the expense of other activities.

• The government will not increase its supervision of prices, since that would require additional public employees. Only a proper monetary and budgetary policy will

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Weizman to meet with Vance, Brown today

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Defence Minister Ezer Weizman is due to meet separately today with U.S. secretary of State Cyrus Vance and secretary of Defence Harold Brown to press Israel's request for an increase in economic and military assistance next year.

According to U.S. and Israeli sources, no meeting between Weizman and U.S. President Jimmy Carter has yet been scheduled, although Weizman and his aides are still trying to arrange one. That's the whole purpose of his mission, one source here said, "to argue Israel's case before the president."

Carter is currently at Camp David, putting the finishing touches on next year's foreign aid bill. Israel is seeking \$3.45b. in combined economic and military assistance, nearly twice as much as approved this past year. The State Department and the Office of Management and Budget are recommending that Israel receive the same \$1.78b. that was in last year's package. Weizman reported he will be satisfied if the figure is increased to \$2.2b. The initial \$3.45b. quest, first submitted several months ago, was always considered unrealistic by U.S. and Israeli sources.

Last night, after midnight Israel

time, Weizman was scheduled to address an American Zionist Youth Foundation convention of more than 900 American Jewish university students from around the country.

Israeli officials said that they did not know how long Weizman would stay in Washington. Presumably, he will remain until he meets with Carter, or until he learns that Carter will not meet with him.

Carter has been torn between increasing the aid for Israel at a time of domestic U.S. economic problems and massive cutbacks in other federal budget expenditures.

Weizman, accompanied by the director-general of the Finance Ministry, Ya'acov Ne'eman, is scheduled to have lunch today with Sol Kinowitz, Carter's personal representative in the autonomy negotiations. Later in the day, he sees Vance and Brown.

Weizman was flying to Washington last night from New York City, where he spent the day consulting with Israeli Defence and Finance Ministry officials.

Weizman will visit Egypt next Sunday on his way back home from the U.S., the Cairo newspaper "Al-Ahram" said in its early editions today.

It did not elaborate on the purpose of the visit, which had not been announced previously. It said that the visit will take place before



Where's the plug? This fireman wades through one-metre-deep water yesterday on the Country Club road north of Tel Aviv to tie a rope to a truck and have it hauled away. The truck was one of a long line of vehicles stalled in floodwaters after yesterday's rains. (Lester Millman)

Rain, snow, hail, high winds, thunder and lightning Wild winter weather sweeps country

Jerusalem Post Staff

The full force of winter hit the country yesterday, from snow on the Hermon to flooding in Tel Aviv and hail in Jerusalem.

As residents of the capital took shelter from the wind-driven hail, streets throughout the city were deluged, but no major disruptions were reported.

The weatherman holds out some hope for a better day today.

According to the meteorological institute at Beit Dagan there will be

yesterday. Yesterday's rain was caused by a barometric depression over the eastern Mediterranean, which is now moving slowly eastwards, resulting in less rain and partial clearing in our area. The wind will be partly cloudy. Today will be one or two degrees warmer, and temperatures will go up another one or two degrees on Friday, the weatherman predicted. There were huge traffic jams

hundreds of cars, were stuck for more than two hours on Sderot Rokah and Rehov Herbert Samuel. A number of traffic lights stopped working, adding to the anarchy. Motorists abandoned their cars and waded to dry land.

Almost all traffic into Tel Aviv ground to a halt and the police asked drivers and residents to stay home and not venture out of town or

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Talks and tour at Aswan

By DAVID LANDAU

At least two lengthy working sessions between Prime Minister Menahem Begin and President Sadat will be held during the premier's four-day visit to upper Egypt early next month.

Officials said yesterday that the two leaders would meet at Sadat's home on the Nile in Aswan on the first evening of Begin's visit, and again at Begin's hotel the following day. A press conference has been scheduled tentatively for immediately after the meeting.

But if the two leaders feel they still hold another meeting the following day, and the press conference will then be put off until after the third session. Apart from

the talks, Begin, his wife and aides will do a lot of sightseeing, taking in most of Egypt's celebrated sites. They will fly south to the temples of Abu Simbel, on the Sudanese border, and the next day north to Luxor, to see the tomb of Tutankhamen and the temple of Nephertiti.

Between the trips Begin and his party will return to their base — the luxurious Oberoi Hotel, situated on a lush island in the Nile just north of Aswan.

A trip has also been arranged to the Aswan high dam, 10 km. south of the town.

President Sadat himself will act as Begin's guide on a helicopter tour of new farming projects alongside Lake Nasser.

The Post on Cairo newsstands soon

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

CAIRO. — *The Jerusalem Post* as well as other Israeli newspapers in Hebrew and Arabic will be on sale in Egypt as of January 15 and all Egyptian newspapers and magazines in these areas. They are expected to cooperate with the Atlas company to facilitate distribution of Egyptian newspapers.

A parallel contract was signed between Atlas and the Egyptian branch of the French distribution company Librairie Hachette, which will be responsible for the distribution and sale of Israeli newspapers in all major Egyptian cities.

Each side will supply the newspapers every morning at the El-Arish border crossing. Until various technical difficulties are smoothed out, the newspapers will be dispatched to and from El-Arish by bus.

Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali yesterday welcomed the signing of the agreement with a hearty "mabrouk" and expressed his

satisfaction to *The Post* that the newspaper exchange between Egypt and Israel was finally getting off the ground. Similar satisfaction was expressed by heads of the "normalization" department in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, Ambassador Taha Maghoub, Ambassador Abdul Rahim Hamed, and Counsellor Dr. Ahmed Gomaa, who met yesterday morning with the Israeli delegation.

Moussa Sabry, President and Chief Editor of the Akhbar El-Yom Publishing House, especially welcomed the fact that *The Post* can now be read every day in Cairo. He thought that *The Post* would find a big market in Cairo because "we all value *The Jerusalem Post* as a truly independent newspaper."

The Israel delegation, which consisted of Ari Rath and Moshe Pilo of *The Post* and Zvi Mazel, of the Foreign Ministry, returned last night from Cairo as they had gone across the Suez Canal and then by way of El-Arish.

Gold price hits \$500 mark

NEW YORK (AP). — The price of gold rose above \$500 for the first time in history yesterday. The price hit \$500 an ounce just before noon, said a spokesman for Republic National Bank, a major gold dealer.

The level was hit in slow post-holiday trading after Ayatollah Khomeini said the U.S.

Iranian crisis "likely" could end in war. "The Iran situation is continuing to push up the price," said a gold trader.

The price hit the \$500 level on a day when gold markets were closed in Zurich and London. The price of gold had closed in New York at \$488 on Monday, the day before the Christmas holiday.

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Yamit: 'We'll block road to Egypt'

By HARRY WALL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

YAMIT. — "There will be no normalization on the El-Arish road if there is no normalization for Yamit," warned Yisrael Nir, chairman of the town council which resigned en masse this week to protest what it considers the government's disregard for the plight of the Sinai evacuees.

The threat was clear: unless the government comes to terms with the Rafiah settlers by January 26, traffic on the El-Arish highway — the main land artery between Israel and Egypt — will be disrupted by blockades similar to those mounted previously by the embittered residents.

The primary grievance of the Yamit residents is over the compensation the government is willing to offer them for evacuating their homes and businesses. Last week the government appraisal left the residents with what they claim is far less than the offer made in August by Housing Minister David Levy, who is charged with handling the relocation.

For a four-room patio apartment a Yamit homeowner would receive IL1.9m, according to government assessment. This says Nir, is IL300,000 less than it costs to purchase a comparable-size flat in a multi-story building in Arad.

Morover, this sum is not linked to the construction index, which has risen by 33 per cent since August. That means the longer the residents

stay the less they will get in real terms.

"Eighty per cent of Yamit's population came here from large cities," said Nir. "All we are asking is enough to allow us to move back to those same communities. Few people here are interested in moving to Arad, Dimona, or Ashdod."

The militant tone of voice was, however, in striking contrast to the general mood of frustration felt by the citizens of this town in the dunes on the Sinai coast.

The town council, which until this latest crisis had been representing Yamit's 2,000 residents, has not been able to meet with Levy in three months. The council's request to meet with Prime Minister Menahem Begin to resolve the deadlock has been ignored.

"The public thought we would come out of here millionaires. We'll be lucky if we can just recoup our

investment," said Dov Segal, proprietor of the local supermarket.

Several workshops in the city's industrial park, and shops and services in the commercial centre have recently closed following the gradual exodus of the population. Thirty families have left in recent months, and most of the immigrants from the U.S. who founded Yamit are in the process of returning to America.

Many of the houses and shops are boarded up, and others still under construction have been left unfinished. The once-carefully tended gardens and clean walkways are looking a little shabby. Buffeted yesterday by sandstorms and a raging desert wind, Yamit, once regarded as the showcase of Israel's development towns, was taking on the appearance of a ghost town.

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Industry sees 7% rise in prices after new C-o-L

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prices of all manufactured goods will rise by about 7 per cent to the average of 1979, according to the industry. Manufacturers have to pay 100 per cent cost-of-living allowances on January's wages (which are paid at the beginning of February), the spokesman said yesterday.

He said that the C-o-L increment would increase labour costs by about 25 per cent, a sum "manufacturers simply cannot contemplate absorbing" during the present credit squeeze.

The association would not sign an agreement with the Histadrut to pay the allowance unless credit

restrictions were considerably eased, the spokesman said.

Haim Kaminitz, who holds the association's labour portfolio, said that Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz had promised to consult with the Coordinating Committee of the Economic Organizations (in which weights, not votes, are said) before reaching any agreement with the Histadrut. The finance minister has gone back on his word," Kaminitz said.

And, he continued, even if industrialists do manage to raise the money to pay workers the C-o-L increment, this would "contribute to the inflationary spiral — which Hurvitz is determined to control."

Israel team going house hunting in Cairo next week

By DAVID LANDAU

A six-man Foreign Ministry team is to go to Cairo next week to look over suggested buildings for the Israel embassy and residences for the embassy staff.

The team, under normalization department chief Yosef Hadass and chief administrative officer Mordechai Dorzi, will also hold talks on preparations for normalization day January 26.

At the same time, an Egyptian team is expected in Tel Aviv on a similar mission. The Egyptians will be shown office premises for their embassy in Tel Aviv and a choice of residences in the Kfar Shamaryahu-Hersilya Fitnah area.

If the Israeli team is successful in locating likely premises, ambassador-designate Eliahu Ben-Eliassar may stop over in Cairo the week after next, en route back from upper Egypt where he will attend the summit meeting between President Anwar Sadat and Premier Menahem Begin, to give final approval to the selection.

At the Foreign Ministry, meanwhile, Director-General Yosef Clechanover is sifting through a short list of names of diplomats who will be appointed to the Cairo embassy. Clechanover said on television last night he expected the embassy staff to number more than 20, even though the staff of the Egyptian embassy in Tel Aviv would be somewhat smaller.

Clechanover is expected to prefer Arabic-speaking officials for the senior posts at the embassy.



KHMER ROUGE. Hersh Goodman encounters some of Pol Pot's teenage soldiers at an internment camp inside Thailand.



KENNEDY'S CRISIS. Ronald Ostrow and Robert Jackson take a new look at the decade-old Chappaquiddick incident.



RABBI'S ROLE. David Landau examines the emergence of the Gerer Rebbe as a force inside Agudat Yisrael.

AND MORE. Benny Morris delves into the recently released Israeli State Papers. Mark Segal talks to Middle East expert Itamar Rabinovich. Yosef Goeli visits South Africa. Martha Meisels markets for cosmetics at her door. And Dry Bones returns, to ring out the Seventies.

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HOME NEWS

Knesset rejects extending Israel law to territories

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Menahem Begin told the Knesset yesterday it was "liberal" to say that at his forthcoming meeting with President Sadat he was going to "yield" on Israel's retention of East Jerusalem as an integral part of its capital.

with Bar-Lev). The prime minister was in fine fettle, and reminded many observers of "the old Begin."

When Begin said that, in accordance with the government's basic principles, Israel law would not be extended to the territories while peace negotiations were in progress, Shamir interjected: "That was Moshe Dayan's proposal. Now that he's out, maybe you can get rid of it."

Begin shot back: "You voted for it at the time, and enthusiastically, if I recall correctly."

The premier said that on the last day at Camp David, the signing of the peace agreement almost fell through over the question of Jerusalem. He then wrote a letter to President Carter: "Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, one and indivisible."

Shamir said that the extension of Israeli law to Judea and Samaria would eliminate "the shame" of the absence of any legal sovereignty basis for Jewish settlement there.

Begin moved that Shamir's motion be struck from the agenda. Shulamit Aloni (Citizens Rights Movement) moved that it be referred to committee, not because she agreed with Shamir, she explained, but to discuss, once and for all, "the whole question of extending Israeli sovereignty to the territories."

By a whopping majority of 42-5, the motion was struck from the agenda. The lopsided vote was the result of an unusual ad hoc coalition that emerged. Begin was supported not only by the government benches, but also by the (Communist) Democratic Front, Sheli, Mappan, and Labour doves Abba Eban, Tzvi Sarid, and Esther Herlitz.

Begin insisted that autonomy, far from leading to a Palestinian state, would prevent such a state from being set up. That was why the term "self-determination" did not appear in the peace agreement.

The Israel government had never regarded Judea, Samaria and Gaza as conquered territory, Begin said. "The administration that ruled in those areas of Eretz Yisrael before the Six Day War conquered them by aggression and invasion. The Jewish people has a right to a challengeable, historical, eternal right to Eretz Yisrael," he declared.

First Israel-Egypt cruise Mutiny aboard the Melody?

HAIFA. — The first Israeli-sponsored cruise to Egypt threatened to end in mutiny last night as the Greek liner TS Melody remained in port many hours beyond sailing time and many passengers had not been assigned their cabins.

Difficulties arose because the ship's crew, including the captain, were not allowed to disembark. However, the problems were compounded by a complete breakdown in communications between Kopel Tours, which arranged the cruise, and the Greek ship's crew.

As midnight neared, with no sign of sailing, many passengers were already beginning to leave the ship. The Melody was originally scheduled to leave Haifa en route to Alexandria at 8 o'clock last night, to open a regular year-round "peace cruise" schedule to Egypt organized by the Kopel Tours organization.

Israel-Egypt tourism link, including 70 foreign tourists. The ship is scheduled to return next Wednesday morning, and sail again that evening.

The Melody is scheduled to reach Alexandria after a fifteen-hour trip and will anchor there until her return, serving as a floating hotel for the tourists.

Shmuel Pilovsky, general manager of Kopel Tours, noted that although the maiden voyage has been postponed several times, from December 14, because of slow Egyptian visa processing, 70 per cent of the original passengers were to sail last night.

WILD WINTER

(Continued from page 1) into it. At 8 a.m. yesterday special pumping vehicles were sent by the municipality to clear the water from the roads.

The heavy rain which fell throughout Tuesday night flooded the ground floor of two buildings in Tel Aviv's Ramat Hahayal and Hadar Yosef.

A special team of engineers must be appointed by the Tel Aviv municipality to design a drainage system which will prevent flooding of the streets and disruption of all regular activities on rainy days, a senior municipal source told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Property insurance linked

By SHELOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter
Property insurance will be linked to the consumer price index as of February, when the policies have been ratified in their new form. This was the decision taken yesterday by the Insurance Council, under the chairmanship of Dr. Ben-Ami Zuckerman, in charge of insurance regulation in the Finance Ministry, with the agreement of the insurance companies.

Until now, standard policies have been unlinked, and inflation during the year has lowered their value. Policy-holders who wanted to ensure that claims made against their insurance companies were met at real replacement terms had to see that such a clause was written in, and to pay a special premium.

Clearly, the new regulation will make premiums more costly, and policy-holders will have to pay the entire premium, in cash, in advance. If they don't do this, they will have to pay interest on the installment payments.

Also decided on yesterday was the abolition of unified charges for

damage on Tuesday when they were inundated during the cloud-burst that hit the city.

In the Golan Heights up to 1.5 metres of snow piled up alongside the upper chairlift to the ski slopes on the Hermon. At the lower lift, 80 centimetres of snow fell.

The slopes operators said they hope to open the slopes again at the end of the week if the snow continues. Rain and hail storms peppered the Upper Galilee.

The past two days' heavy rains have not added much water to the Kinneret. Several more days of heavy rain are needed, Mekorot spokesman M. Mordechai Yakobovitch told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Property insurance of cars will, like other forms of property insurance, be fully linked, but if the car is undervalued when the insurance policy is issued claims will only be met proportionately to the value of the car as originally assessed.

A committee is presently examining the terms of all insurance policies with a view to their improvement.

Six-year term, fine for diamond theft

TEL AVIV (Him). — District Court judges here yesterday criticized airport authorities for the lack of supervision in warehouses, as they sentenced a porter to six years in prison and fined him IL500,000 for stealing diamonds from a shipment.

The judges — Hadassah Ben-Itz, Mosher Teigam and Ya'acov Kedmi — noted that lack of supervision did not justify the frequent thefts at the airport. But many of the porters were recent immigrants who were unfamiliar with the customs of the country, they said. And lack of supervision could nudge the potential criminal into action.



Prime Minister Menahem Begin's distress is evident as he is confronted by hecklers from the extreme rightist Kach movement at the beginning of his Kiryat Arba speech yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli).

BEGIN HECKLED

(Continued from page 1) Levinger. Levinger, who heads the Kiryat Arba local administration, said in his speech that Abraham had "walked the length and breadth of this land with only God in his heart, without the need of an Isac Wolfson was awarded a plaque commending his contribution to the enormous structure, which will house several hundred yeshiva students who will also intermittently serve in the IDF, Interior Minister Yosef Burg told the contributors in English to take back two messages with them: "We are not conquistadores or colonisadores but are here as of right. We are a people coming home. And please note the building which is going on all around you."

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his ministry alone had pumped IL12m. into the settlement and another IL1.5m. towards the restoration of Hebron's Avraham Avim synagogue and the town's old Jewish cemetery.

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Customs off most EEC goods in January

By SHELOMO MAOZ

Customs duties on goods from the Common Market worth \$1.5b. will be totally abolished on January 1, as Israel's imports from the area reach some \$3b. The deputy director-general for foreign trade at the industry, Trade and Tourism Ministry, said yesterday.

The tax is removed primarily on raw materials, semi-finished goods, and a list of items which are neither finished nor manufactured in Israel, including films, chemicals, paper, silicone and typewriters. To avoid discrimination against the U.S., with which Israel also has a mutual preferential trade agreement, customs duties will also be abolished on a long list of U.S. imports, although not on the entire range of goods that will come without customs from Europe.

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Israel will put a number of proposals to the Common Market to ensure that agricultural exports from the Mediterranean countries to the area are not affected by Spain's joining the Market. The Common Market Council must give clear directives to its delegates conducting negotiations with Spain, and must ensure that proper compensation is paid to farmers in Italy and southern France. Arrangements can be made for the exports of farm produce and processed foods and textiles from Mediterranean countries without Spain's co-optation upsetting the balance.

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Israel will put a number of proposals to the Common Market to ensure that agricultural exports from the Mediterranean countries to the area are not affected by Spain's joining the Market. The Common Market Council must give clear directives to its delegates conducting negotiations with Spain, and must ensure that proper compensation is paid to farmers in Italy and southern France. Arrangements can be made for the exports of farm produce and processed foods and textiles from Mediterranean countries without Spain's co-optation upsetting the balance.

Agudat Yisrael crisis averted by Lorincz

By SARAH HONIG Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Internal peace in Agudat Yisrael seems to be at hand and indications are that the party convention — the knesset gedola — will be held as originally scheduled on January 16, with the participation of all Aguda factions.

The spectre of a split, had hung over Aguda since Sunday evening, when disciples of the Gerer rebbe disrupted a session of the party central committee, hurling abuse and accusations at MK Shlomo Lorincz for allegedly having cast aspersions on the rebbe in recent press interviews.

Both factions demanded a public apology from the other, and Lorincz and his supporters threatened to boycott the convention. They account for about 10 per cent of the party membership.

Since the confrontation on Sunday, neutral factions in Aguda, caught in the cross-fire between the Gerer hasidim and the non-hasidic Lorincz camp, had attempted to promote a reconciliation. Also attempting to cool down the situation were Aguda members from abroad, particularly from America.

Both sides to the dispute had been mobilizing overseas support, and the Lorincz group had threatened that its backers from abroad would also boycott the convention.

The Gerer rebbe himself had indicated to Lorincz that he does not want the convention marred by internal conflict or the dispute escalated. But the rebbe said he did want Lorincz somehow to dissociate himself from the interview, printed in "Ha'aretz" and "Moadin" magazines, which had offended the rebbe and his hasidim.

While Lorincz did not actually apologize, he did give a statement to Aguda's newspaper, "Hamodia," that the controversial sentences in "Ha'aretz" were not direct quotes. He also said he had not realized that "Davar" journalist Nahum Barnea was interviewing him for "Moadin."

Circles close to the Gerer rebbe say they are satisfied by "Hamodia's" statement, and that from their point of view the dispute is over. Lorincz says he still wants an apology from the hasidim who attacked him, but it is believed that he will not press the point.

Sharon raps MK's idea of unilateral return of Gaza

Post Knesset Reporter

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday dubbed a "dangerous" suggestion that of Alignment Knesset member Avraham Katz-Or that Israel turn over the Gaza Strip to Egypt.

Sharon was replying in the Knesset to motions for the agenda by Ze'ev Katz (Alignment-Labour) and Eliezer Avtavi (National Religious Party) calling for the strengthening of settlements in the southern part of the Gaza area, and to a contrary motion by Meir Palti (Sheli) calling for a halt to settlement there.

The first two motions were referred to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, while Palti's motion was struck from the agenda.

Sharon said that the negotiation with Egypt were now at a critical stage, and any proposal calling for concessions by Israel could only weaken Israeli's bargaining position.

He said this applied to Katz-Or's proposals for Israeli withdrawal from Judea and Samaria, and to the suggestion by Alignment leader Shimon Peres that Egypt be accorded a special status with respect to the autonomy arrangements in the Gaza Strip.

(Revised story p. 2)

Israel nursing pioneer Shulamit Cantor dies, 85

Shulamit Cantor, one of the pioneers of the nursing profession in Israel, died at the age of 85 at the Meir Hospital in Kiryat Seva yesterday. Her body will lie in state at the Henrietta Scold-Hadassah School of Nursing at Ein Karem, from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Friday, and the funeral will then proceed to the Mount of Olives cemetery.

She was born Shulamit Levy in Haleh, Syria, on March 5, 1894, and was brought up and educated in Lebanon. Cantor graduated from the Beirut Teachers' Seminary in 1914 and from the nursing school in 1918.

Cantor arrived in Israel as a stowaway aboard a Lebanese ship in 1919. Dr. Abraham Albert Ticho, the prominent Jerusalem eye surgeon, helped her get off the ship without being arrested. Cantor arrived in Jerusalem where the Hadassah School of Nursing, founded by Henrietta Scold, was housed in a makeshift shack in the Street of the Prophets. The doctors and nurses, members of Hadassah missions from the U.S., gave lectures in English, Yiddish and Russian, and when the students protested, Cantor was engaged to teach the principles and practice of nursing in Hebrew.

In 1948 Cantor became the director of the nurses department and



Shulamit Cantor

medical education at the Ministry of Health, a post which she held until her retirement in 1954. Cantor won for the Hadassah School of Nursing a high international reputation.

In addition to her scientific and organizational work she was active with Rabbait Herzog in the Palestine Society for Crippled Children and other professional and humanitarian organizations. She is survived by her daughter Yehudit, sons David and Dan, and eight grandchildren. (A.E.)

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of the veteran nurse

SHULAMIT CANTOR

Head of the Hadassah School of Nursing and a founder of the Nursing Branch of the Min. of Health

The funeral will take place on Friday, December 28, 1979, leaving at 11 a.m. from the courtyard of the Henrietta Scold School of Nursing for the Mount of Olives. Interment will be in the "Agudat Ahim" section, entrance from the Jericho road.

The public will be able to pay last respects before the funeral procession leaves for the Mount of Olives.

Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization of America
Hadassah Council in Israel
Hadassah Medical Organization, Jerusalem
Henrietta Scold School of Nursing
Hadassah Employees' Pension Fund

We deeply regret to announce the death of our beloved

DAVID TARABULUS

The funeral will leave at 12 noon today, December 27, from the funeral parlour, Rehov Shamgar, Romema.

Wife, Jenny
Sister, Stella Abatto

ELSA BATO-BERLINER

nee Oesterreicher (Bresburg)
has died.
The funeral will be held today, Thursday, December 27, 1979, leaving at 2.30 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Datus, Tel Aviv, for Holon cemetery.

Sister, Margit Hays, Montreal
Niece, Lissa Hoidan, Montreal

HURVITZ ON C-O-L

(Continued from page 1) bring about a drop in demand and stem inflation.

Joshua Brilliant adds: Histadrut leaders yesterday expressed confidence that private employers will go along with Tuesday's government-labour federation agreement.

An aide to Meeshel suggested the private employers were balking at the agreement just as a ploy to induce the government to ease the credit squeeze.

Private employers will compensate workers for the price rises even if they don't sign the agreement, the aide said. "They can't do otherwise when the government, the Histadrut and the other public service institutions increase pay. After all, (the president of the Manufacturers Association Avraham) Shavit is not interested in harming the workers. He's making a handsome profit through them," the aide continued.

The Directors, Workers' Committee and Staff of Shaare Zedek Medical Centre share the deep sorrow of

SAMSON RAPHAEL

השקפה רחבה אנוכי מלאי יום ירושלים
Shiva: 138/21 Maalot Dafna, Jerusalem.

The tombstone unveiling, marking the shloshim of our dear husband and father

WOLF ZEEV SHAPIRO

will take place on Sunday, December 30, 1979, at Har Hanezuhot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem. We will meet at the cemetery entrance at 3.15 p.m.

SHAPIRO — RAFAELI FAMILIES

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations Youth Programmes in Israel joins colleague Carol Mendelsohn in mourning for her father

DR. ERNEST ALBERT MENDELSON

We deeply mourn the untimely passing of our dear friend

LEONTINE WILLIAMS

All her friends
from Beit Givra and Rehov Stern

The Weather at Main



Destinations

Table with columns: Destination, Class, Price, Status. Includes Amsterdam, Brussels, Chicago, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Geneva, Helsinki, Hong Kong, London, Madrid, Montreal, New York, Paris, Sao Paulo, Stockholm, Toronto, Vancouver, Vienna, Zurich.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, with local showers.
Table with columns: Location, Yesterday's Humidity, Yesterday's Min-Max, Today's Min-Max. Includes Jerusalem, Golan, Nahariya, Safed, Haifa Port, Tiberias, Nazareth, Afula, Samaria, Tel Aviv, B-G Airport, Jericho, Gaza, BeerSheva, Eilat, Tira Straits.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Prime Minister Menahem Begin was yesterday visited in his Jerusalem office by Mrs. Raymond Sibley, national president of America's Jewish World Council.

Hebrew University president Avraham Harman, Dr. Wolfgang Klingberg, director-general of the Volksbank in Dusseldorf, West Germany, and S.J. Kreutner, former director-general of Keren Hayesod, yesterday attended the dedication of an auditorium in the university's science centre on Mount Scopus. The auditorium was dedicated in the name of Herbert Gottlieb, a Dusseldorf industrialist who lived in Israel from 1933 to 1957.

The Engineers and Architects Association in Haifa yesterday held a reception for Uriel Shalom to mark his 80th birthday.

MK Yigal Alon will be the guest of honour at the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary club's meeting at 1:15 p.m. today at the Hilton Hotel.

Jail sentence leads to fatal heart attack

TEL AVIV (Him). — An appeal to the Tel Aviv District Court never had a chance to be heard because the appellant had a fatal heart attack as a result of the sentence he was appealing.

Ben-Gurion Airport porter Daniel Mirilashvili, 55, of Or Yehuda, was convicted of trying to steal a passenger's wallet and was sentenced to eight years and fined IL2,500.

His defence lawyer told the District Court yesterday that as a result of the conviction, Mirilashvili lost his job and became depressed, which led to a fatal heart attack.

Ebans try to stop hospital construction

TEL AVIV (Him). — Suzy Eban, head of the Israel Cancer Association and wife of Alignment MK Abba Eban, yesterday applied for a restraining order to prevent construction of a hospital in Herzliya, near the couple's home.

In the application she says her husband is a writer and statesman who needs quiet. She herself is a writer as well, she said. The hospital would be a nuisance to them, she explained.

Basketball results

Maccabi Tel Aviv defeated Bnei Tel Aviv 85-82, and Maccabi Ramat Gan beat Hapoel Afula 79-62 in National Basketball League games last night.

KINDERGARTEN FEES.

Private kindergartens will be allowed to charge IL1,850 per month from this month until June 1980.

Important Notice to Hadassah Visitors

On December 26 and 27
There will be no Audio-Visual Presentation at Ein Karem. Tours will include Chagall Windows only: 9.15, 10.15, 11.15 and 12.15.
Visit Hadassah on Mt. Scopus: Tours as usual, on the hour, 9 a.m. to noon, include the Henrietta Scold Room and the Jacques Lipchitz "Tree of Life" sculpture. Cafeteria: Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HOME NEWS

50,000 new flats needed yearly—Levy

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter Construction and Housing Minister David Levy warned yesterday that unless a minimum of 50,000 flats are built annually over the next three years, the housing lag of 1975-8 will repeat itself and have dangerous repercussions on Israeli society. Levy told a press conference in Jerusalem that he found the housing situation in a deep crisis when he took over the ministry nearly a year ago, and claimed that since then he had succeeded in creating a new impetus towards alleviating the problem. He ridiculed numerous journalists who had charged him with mere talk, noting that there were 10,000 public housing flats in various areas during the last nine months of 1979. In the same period the year before there were only 3,140 starts, and in 1977 there were 2,700. Levy also said that in the first nine months of this year, his ministry had found 30,900 "housing solutions" for those eligible, including help through mortgages, rental subsidies and rental parts.



Work in the chicken coops isn't what it used to be. A soldier-settler at the Nahal Kishor outpost in Galilee puts the finishing touches to a rooster made of scrap material. (Dekal)

Ben-Natan says Lahat bankrupting Tel Aviv

By MICHAL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Asher Ben-Natan, the chairman of the Tel Aviv municipality's Labour Party faction, yesterday charged Mayor Shlomo Lahat with following a "reckless" fiscal policy. Ben-Natan, saying Lahat has brought the city to the brink of bankruptcy, called on the mayor to resign immediately. The Tel Aviv municipality's financial deficit is expected to reach IL4.5 by March, and the situation is getting worse, Ben-Natan said. Ben-Natan said that the government's lack of trust in Lahat and his executive made a solution to Tel Aviv's plight impossible unless the whole executive were to resign. Since Lahat took office, hundreds of workers have been added to the municipality's payroll, and when contractors were hired for more pay to do the job, Ben-Natan said. Ben-Natan accused the municipality of spending vast amounts of money on events and celebrations, and expanding services without the government's approval. "Lahat keeps saying that Tel Aviv is a metropolis, and therefore has special problems. But a metropolis should also have a greater income," Ben-Natan said, adding that the municipality succeeded in collecting only 58 per cent of its taxes. Ben-Natan stated that Tel Aviv spends more on trips abroad, lighting, shows and other events than any other city in Israel, and blasted the government for not supervising expenditure of Lahat's administration. Asked how the opposition would remedy the situation, Ben-Natan said that Tel Aviv residents must be told the truth about the crisis; and that for the next few years only essential services must be provided, until the city can stand on its feet again.

Acid exchange in Alignment over Gaza

By ASHER WALLFISH Post Knesset Reporter A row in the Alignment Knesset faction yesterday between two Labour MKs, both from kibbutzim, has again underlined the urgent need for the party to update its policy over the future of the Gaza Strip. The row in the faction preceded the debate in the plenum on three motions for the agenda about intensifying new settlement activity in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. The three motions were presented by Ze'ev Katz (Alignment-Labour), Eliezer Aytavi (NRP) and Meir Pe'il (Shel), from different angles. The dispute arose because Abraham Katz-Oz, a member of Kibbutz Nahal Oz, which overlooks the Gaza Strip, took Ze'ev Katz's motion as a personal onslaught. Katz-Oz had recently aired proposals to hand the Gaza Strip over to Egypt and transfer elsewhere the Jewish settlements now in the Strip. Ze'ev Katz is a member of Kibbutz Gesher, between the Jordan and the Beit She'an valleys. Katz-Oz demanded the right to get up in the plenum and argue against Katz's motion. In the Alignment faction, Katz-Oz said his ideas about the future of the Gaza Strip were designed to fuel an ideological debate inside the Labour Party, and were not a parliamentary initiative. He said that Katz had no right to challenge him on the parliamentary level. However, faction chairman Moshe Shalut refused to consider the idea of a Labour member speaking against the motion of a party colleague. Katz-Oz agreed to withdraw his demand to speak in the plenum in return for a compromise proposed by Labour leader Shimon Peres. According to this compromise, Katz was committed to a vague formula postulating that "Israel's security would depend on settlements protecting the southern part of the Gaza Strip." However, Katz would not be allowed to specify whether these "protective settlements" would be actually inside the Strip, or merely close by. Ze'ev Katz explained that he had no intention of locking horns with Katz-Oz. He merely wanted to warn the Knesset that in another 28 months, the last Israelis would be pulling back out of Sinal, leaving the Gaza Strip as a potential threat to Israel's security. In the 25 months which had elapsed since the Egyptian peace initiative, Katz noted, the government had done nothing to bolster Israel's southern border. As for the Labour Party, he said, it had turned a blind eye to the problem. Shalut told The Jerusalem Post later: "The party has to discuss security in the south urgently. Our previous policy was against setting up settlements of our own in the southern end of the Gaza Strip, because of the dense Arab population there. We agreed to the NRP setting up its Katif bloc villages there, however. We preached the need for sealing off the Gaza Strip from Sinal, but without saying how and where. Now we can no longer postpone the process of updating our policy to fit the changed situation after Camp David."

Corfu seeks to punish backsliding coalition MKs

By ASHER WALLFISH Post Knesset Reporter Coalition chairman Haim Corfu wants to punish a number of backsliders who failed to support the government in the Knesset on Tuesday on two very important votes. Corfu told The Jerusalem Post he was angry at three Likud members in connection with the abortions law, and two coalition members over the Alignment's no-confidence motion on the farming crisis. He said he would propose, at the Likud executive next week, that the five offenders be denied certain parliamentary privileges such as the amount of speaking time granted them in the plenum, or the possibility of tabling motions. The coalition chairman is angry with Hillel Seidel, who voted against the abortions law, and Ehud Olmert and Sara Doron, who were out of the chamber when their names were called in the roll-call vote on that law. Seidel belongs to the Ahdut wing of the Likud, Olmert to the La'am wing, and Doron to the Liberals. Olmert, and Democratic Movement faction chairman Shlomo Eliahu angered Corfu because they did not turn up to back the government in the no-confidence vote. Corfu said that Eliahu had no justification for pleading he arrived late from Tel Aviv by car, and that Olmert had no right to claim that he was held up on urgent business. Doron is the most ticklish problem in Corfu's punishment book, because when she told him on Tuesday morning she would not back the government, Corfu indicated that there would be no recriminations. However, when other Liberals heard this, they complained vociferously and warned that they had just as much right to vote according to their conscience about the abortions law as Doron had. Under this pressure, Corfu told Doron she must back the government. Doron ignored Corfu, and stayed out of the chamber, while Liberal would-be rebels such as Yeheskel Flomin and Avraham Katz, who had threatened a revolt, took the line meekly. Passuk Grupper, one of the most volatile Liberals, reacted angrily yesterday when The Post asked him why Doron took herself a privilege denied to men such as Flomin and Katz, who had personally sponsored abortion legislation in past Knessets. He said: "Doron is our one and only Likud woman member, and she has the right to be treated as a woman since only a woman can understand what an abortion means."

Levy: Amend, don't repeal, Tenants Law

Post Knesset Reporter Housing Minister David Levy said yesterday that he intends to amend for the repeal of Article 47 of the Tenants Protection Law, which limits rent increases in controlled areas to 3 1/2 per cent in any one year. But Levy said he does want to repeal the article amended, "so that the interests of both landlords and tenants" will be protected. He did not go into details. Levy was replying in the Knesset to a motion for the agenda by Meir Pe'il, of the Communist-Democratic Front, who opposed the recent government decision to increase controlled rents by 70 per cent of the increase in the cost of living index.

Subsidized heat for Jlem, Safed

Post Knesset Reporter Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said yesterday that the government would subsidize the price of diesel fuel (solar) residential heating in Jlem and Safed during the winter. Moda'i said that a motion for the agenda by Uzi Baran (Alignment) was debated by the House, and it was decided. Baran said that the average temperature in the hill areas in the months December-February is around 10 degrees during the day and five degrees at night, as compared with 17 and 13 1/2 degrees in Tel Aviv. Moda'i said that there was no limit to the number of "injustices" of this sort that the government could be called on to correct. Why should it not subsidize the price of electricity for air conditioning for Eilat and Tiberias residents in the summer months? Were the poor of Tel Aviv to subsidize the rich of Jerusalem, Moda'i asked. He said that the government preferred to divide "the pie" more justly by attacking the problem through income rather than expenditure.

Navon announces centre to spur Jewish studies

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter President Yitzhak Navon yesterday announced the establishment of an "International Centre for Jewish Civilization" to improve and coordinate Jewish studies in 600 universities around the world where they are taught, and to introduce them at others. The proposal was recommended by Prof. Moshe Davis, the Hebrew University contemporary Jewry scholar on loan to Beit Hanassi to coordinate and research the subject. It was approved in principle by 30 Jewish scholars from Israel and abroad, during a two-day conference on Jewish studies. The Davis proposal would give the centre at least \$1m. a year, to come from International Jewish organizations and foundations. After five years of experimental operation, the centre would be assessed to determine whether it should become a permanent institution. Davis expects that eventually "hundreds" of Jewish scholars around the world will be actively involved. The proposal suggests a biographical survey of textbooks, articles and dissertations on Jewish studies topics. The centre could also bring together university teachers on sabbatical in Israel, stimulate research, establish graduate fellowships for study here, and translate important works.

Ramat road solution still not sure

By ROBERT ROSENBERG Jerusalem Post Reporter Residents of the once-warring Ramot and Kiryat Zanz neighbourhoods are having second thoughts about the terms of the "peace treaty" they signed in early December putting an end to Sabbath violence on the road to the north Jerusalem suburb. But both Kiryat Zanz and Ramot leaders agree that as long as they continue to meet on a regular basis, there is hope for a solution to the problem of the road. Ramot residents in particular are concerned about the high cost of building a bypass that would take cars out of sight of the religious Ezerat Torah block in the Kiryat Zanz neighbourhood. The Interior Ministry has agreed to defray the cost, estimated at some IL50m, for an 800 metre stretch. But Ramot residents don't want to be blamed for the expense. In Kiryat Zanz, leaders are worried that the expected nine months of construction, combined with nine months of construction, will add up to a year and a half of pressure from volatile extremist elements in Mea Shearim, who view themselves as guardians of the religious shikunim of Kiryat Zanz. Already last Saturday there were reports of a handful of shabbos-shouters on the hill overlooking the road beneath Kiryat Zanz. Between the leadership of the two groups the tension of the past has given way to a good working relationship. But pressures from the constituencies of both leaderships have dampened the media-sensitive leaders' willingness to speak out publicly on the problems they are facing. Ramot leaders had to put down a minor rebellion by the suburb's residents after the signing of the agreement, which some Ramot residents call a surrender to religious terrorism. And in Kiryat Zanz, residents are afraid to tell Natorel Karta not to come to the neighbourhood on Saturdays. They are equally afraid that if the religious extremists do come to shout shabbos "as a protest chant," it will soon turn into the "war chant" of last autumn and early winter. The Jerusalem Post has learned that the joint committee established under the "treaty" between Kiryat Zanz and Ramot has been seeking ways to speed up the implementation of a solution to the road problem. They are even considering revising the agreement with a view to landscape architecture instead of road construction as a way of hiding the Sabbath traffic from the eyes of the religious.

1,500 receive free tuition

Post Knesset Reporter Some 1,500 university students are exempt from tuition fees because they are the children or wives of university employees. Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer said yesterday. Replying to a parliamentary question by Dov Shilansky (Likud-Hert), Hammer said that the cost of this exemption is about IL40m. He did not say whether this was the net cost: employees whose spouses or children benefit from the tuition pay income tax on the amount thus saved. Hammer said that this fringe benefit was rooted in labour agreements, and could be cancelled, subject to one of three ways: by violating an agreement, by a voluntary giving of this right by the employees, or by eliminating the issue when new agreements are negotiated. The Council of Higher Education is examining the subject, Hammer said.

Israel chips in for Kampuchean youth

Jerusalem Post Reporter Israel has become the first country to pledge money to the UN fund for establishing a youth village for Kampuchean refugee children. The village was originally proposed by Ofra Navon, the wife of the president, at the Mexico conference on the International Year of the Child that she attended last month. Israel TV's fund for Kampuchean refugees has pledged \$200,000 for the village. Some of the money will be spent in Israel pounds for goods to be purchased here.

Another possible solution would be the construction of Highway 4, a planned route from the coastal area to the capital that would pass Ramot from behind Romema. But even if the residents of Kiryat Zanz and Ramot could get Transport Ministry, police and Interior Ministry approval, construction of that new road will take at least 18 months — as long as it would take for the original bypass. But the religious-secular dispute over the Ramot road was solved by the citizens involved with the express aim of speedy action. What worries all those involved in finding a speedy solution to the problem is that the religious "hottheads," as one Kiryat Zanz source describes the Natorel Karta, may not think the solution finally agreed upon is quick enough. As long as winter brings rains on Saturday, Sabbath protests above the road by the Mea Shearim residents who walk two kilometres or more to the site are unlikely. But Natorel Karta has said that it wants a solution by spring, and even if there was a plan ready for implementation today, rain would prevent construction until winter ends.

Lapid gives budget to cover Olympics

Jerusalem Post Reporter Disagreement over how extensively Israel TV should cover the Moscow Olympics was resolved yesterday when Broadcasting Authority director-general Yoel Lapid allowed sports director Alex Giladi to spend a maximum of \$30,000 on coverage of the games. Originally, Giladi had demanded the expenditure of \$1m, and the dispatch of 35 staffers to Moscow to provide five-and-a-half hours of games reporting a day for two weeks. Lapid wanted only about eight hours of broadcasts from Moscow each week. At a meeting yesterday, Giladi agreed to prepare a more modest proposal than his original plan, to be approved by Lapid. The director-general insisted that Arabic-language programmes be only minimally affected by the Olympics schedule. NUSSES. — The Knesset yesterday referred to the Labour and Social Affairs committee three motions for the agenda dealing with the shortage of nurses.

HAGA. — There will be a Haga exercise today in the Ramat Hanassi area in the Dan region.

Advertisement for 'eilat is a place for you' by amdar URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORP. LTD. The ad features a drawing of a modern residential building with a car parked in front. Text describes the location as a charming private home in front of the Red Sea, modern, suitably styled, and well adapted to the climate of Eilat. It mentions a comprehensive neighbourhood development, a romantic view of the bay, a convivial, neighbourly atmosphere, and a new dimension in stylish living. Contact information for amdar is provided.

Advertisement for the Ford Fiesta 80. The ad features a photograph of a dark-colored Ford Fiesta 80. Text describes it as 'The car born with power now has more.' and lists its features: 957cc or 1100cc engine, MacPherson front suspension, unique capability and proven themselves in all possible road and weather conditions. It also lists Ford distributors in Israel and contact information for Israel Automobile Company Ltd.

Hot war with U.S. possible—Khomeini

TEHERAN. — With no hint of relief in sight for the U.S. embassy hostages, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini warned yesterday that Iran's confrontation with America could lead to war.

The clergymen said they have received no indications that any of the Americans would be released soon. They reported counting only 43 hostages, rather than the 50 listed by the U.S. State Department, and said they had been assured that they had seen all of them.

Somali minister denies offer of base to U.S.

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP). — A senior minister of the Somali government has categorically denied reports that the country has offered a military base to the U.S.



Crowds scramble in Salisbury yesterday to touch hands of returning Patriotic Front guerrilla commanders on their return to Salisbury. The commanders, supporters of Front co-leader Joshua Nkomo, are to accompany ceasefire monitoring forces on their deployments.

Triumphant welcome in Salisbury Guerrilla leaders come in from bush

SALISBURY (UPI). — Scores of black guerrilla commanders flew in to a triumphant welcome by thousands of urban black supporters yesterday to start the process of bringing their men out of the bush as part of a cease-fire scheduled to come into effect at midnight tomorrow.

Italyan man between British and guerrilla leaders. The South African-made armored cars they rode away and the British officers on the scene breathed an audible sigh of relief.

PLO leaders in Libya to settle dispute with Gaddafi

BEIRUT. — Four Palestinian terrorist leaders arrived in Libya last night, in an apparent attempt to resolve a dispute between Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Democrat Front (DFLP), Samir Ghosha of the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front (PSF), and Majed Mohsen of the Sa'aka organization. They joined Ahmed Jibril of the Popular Front-General Command (PFPGC), who arrived on Tuesday night.

4 Turk rightists slain; police see Left vendetta

ANKARA (UPI). — Four people with known right-wing political ties were killed in separate attacks yesterday and a rightist political party office was bombed in what police called a leftist vendetta.

Rumania reveals Egypt arms sales but no 'accord'

VIENNA (Reuters). — Rumania disclosed on Monday that it has sold light weapons to Egypt, but denied reports of an arms supply agreement between the two countries.

Swiss refuse Saudi 'gift'

SAANEN, Switzerland (AP). — Citizens of this Swiss resort have voted against authorizing a wealthy Saudi Arabian national to buy a luxurious holiday chalet in their village, although he offered to donate 400,000 francs (\$280,000) to the municipal treasury in return for the permit.

Joan Blondell at 76

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). — Actress Joan Blondell, 76, star of 100 films, has died of leukemia in a hospital at Santa Monica, a Los Angeles suburb, where she had been a patient for a month.



Recent photo of Joan Blondell totally different, but if you put parts of them together, I had a hell of a husband. Not many dames have that, even in pieces.

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Dissident in suicide bid. MOSCOW (AP). — Oleksa Tikhy, a Ukrainian dissident serving a 10-year term in a labour camp, tried to burn himself to death. Soviet dissident leader Andrei Sakharov said on Wednesday Sakharov said the suicide attempt was made on December 19, but nothing was known about Tikhy's condition.

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Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure Joint U.S.-Israel Desalination Project. Office of the Project Manager. Synopsis — Insurance for Joint U.S.-Israel Desalination Project (O.P.M. 1/79).

TOURISTS ARE INVITED to an EVENING OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS on all aspects of life in Israel. Tonight, Thursday, December 27, at 9.00 p.m. at the Olive Room of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. Sponsored by Bank Leumi and Jerusalem Tourist Centre.

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ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION. JORDAN TV (unofficial): 17.10 Cartoons, 18.30 French Hour, 18.40 (JTV 3) Blakes 7, 19.00 Holmes and Yo-Yo, 19.30 News in Hebrew, 20.00 News in Arabic, 20.30 The Muppet Show, 21.10 The Survivors, 22.00 News in English, 22.15 Movie of the Week.

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Focus

LONG SHADOW OF ISRAELI CRIME

By TOM TUGEND/Fest Los Angeles Correspondent

THE GRISLY CASE of the "Israeli Mafia" double-murder is slowly winding its way through the Los Angeles court system...

At the centre stands 27-year-old Joseph Zakaria, who has been charged with two counts of murder...

The charges stem from the discovery in early October of the dismembered parts of a man and a woman, scattered through four trash bins in the Los Angeles suburb of Sherman Oaks...

In addition, police have issued all-pink bulletins on two suspects, Eliahu Komerchero, 27, and Yehuda ("Gingi") Avital, 26, each charged with two counts of murder...

to international drug-trafficking and gangland-type slayings among its own members.

DURING Zakaria's eight-day preliminary hearing, the public and press were excluded from the court at the request of the defendant's lawyers...

The published reports, most of which have been partially or wholly substantiated by district attorney prosecutors, witnesses or law enforcement officials...

A surprise witness, an inmate of the county jail, testified that Joseph Zakaria had admitted setting up the slain Ruven couple for a

hit, because the two had "burnt the organization" in a cocaine deal. Translated, that means that Zakaria allegedly lured the Ruvens to a downtown hotel to be murdered by accomplices...

The surprise witness, facing kidnap and robbery charges in an unrelated case, maintained that Zakaria had confided in him while both were being transported from the jail to the courthouse.

Defence attorneys quickly questioned the witness's credibility, noting that the man had gained his release from custody immediately after his testimony...

The two prosecuting attorneys admitted receiving some suspicious and possibly threatening phone calls, which they ignored. However, prosecution of the case has now been transferred to the district attorney's organized-crime division...

long and complex cases likely to attract considerable news coverage.

AS THE INVESTIGATION deepens, questions have been raised by concerned American Jews and the media on how people with known criminal records in Israel were able to enter and settle in the U.S. Nitzav-Mishne Michael Bochner, of the Israeli police, who is stationed in the U.S. as liaison with American law-enforcement agencies...

Particularly damning is the Israeli file on Avital, described as an ex-member of the "Bat Yam Gang," who was sentenced to prison several times on 12 convictions, ranging from drug possession and burglary to car theft and fraud between 1968 and 1978.

status are required to present a clearance certificate from the police, applicants for tourist visas need not go through the same procedure.

In practice, Bochner and a spokesman of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service agree, most Israelis with criminal links arrive as tourists. Many simply stay on illegally, while others marry a U.S. citizen (at times under a pure business arrangement) or invest in an American business, and then apply for permanent residence.

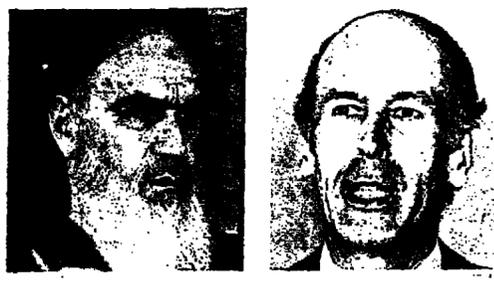
Despite the growing volume of information on individual suspects, law officers have been admittedly unable to infiltrate the gang and have no clear grasp of its size and structure. Estimates range from several hundred down to two or three dozen.

The best working guess puts membership at some 50 hard-core criminals with perhaps another 75 "fringe players." Their organization seems to be more disciplined than just an opportunistic gang of toughs, but less than the army-like mafia of the Cosa Nostra prototype. "These people don't have a godfather-type figure in either Los Angeles or New York," says Bochner, "and they don't control any judges, mayors or other influential public officials. They'd like to pretend they are a mafia to intimidate their victims."

FBI EVALUATIONS generally coincide with those of the Israeli police expert, and press reports generally fall back on such vague definitions as a "loosely structured organized crime network." A more graphic description comes from attorney Paul S. Levan, who has investigated some of the group's credit and insurance frauds. "What we have is a hybrid-headed monster engaged in different criminal activities without a control centre," he says.

Much of the uncertainty surrounding the make-up of the Israeli mob derives from the fragmented nature of American law enforcement, with federal, state and local agencies pursuing different leads and approaches. The traditional solution is to form a special task force, with representatives from each of the involved agencies who exchange information and focus on a common goal.

An attempt at organizing such a task force to crack the Israeli operation was made two years ago, but it apparently fell apart when it failed to come up with speedy arrests and convictions. There are indications that a second and stronger task force is now in the making, joining the efforts of the FBI, the organized crime strike force of the U.S. Justice Department, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Los Angeles police department, fire department arson investigators and other law enforcement experts.



France's fears

By PAUL WEBSTER/Paris

THE DISASTROUS economic effects of the Iran revolution on France are quoted by President Giscard d'Estaing as the reason for the country's low profile in the dispute between Iran and the United States.

Already the Khomeini revolution has cost France between \$6b. to \$8.5b. including the cancellation of a wide range of huge industrial projects. The only hope of recovering some of the money is to avoid a clash with the ayatollah.

Giscard was challenged during a television broadcast last week on France's failure to "show high-level and very strong solidarity with the United States" and asked if he regretted that France gave refuge to the ayatollah last year.

The president said he had twice been in touch with President Carter by telephone, but felt that the solution should be left to the United Nations. As for having regrets about sheltering the Iranian leader when he prepared the overthrow of the Shah, the president said that it "is a violent, disorganizing gesture had been committed against the ayatollah, it would have been us (the French) who would have been on the stage."

A French Government minister revealed this week that Giscard had personally decided the ayatollah was the only man who could bring stability to Iran and had offered him exile at Neauphle-le-Chateau after his expulsion from Iraq.

But if the French leader has any regrets, the economic relations between the two countries have choked off any vigorous response.

The French government is so nervous of a backlash that it is discouraging firms from suing the Iranian government for lost contracts in the vague hope that they might be renewed in calmer times.

The real losses to the French as a result of the 117 days the ayatollah

spent in France plotting the Shah's overthrow with the connivance of French authorities were only discovered when the spokesman for the parliamentary budget commission, Jacques Maréte, went to Teheran. He told parliament that his inquiries had revealed "an economic and financial disaster."

Until then, the French had heard only of the sudden cancellation of a proposed new Metro for Teheran. But a series of other projects, including the building of 10,000 apartments, a gas pipeline, a conventional power station and a number of factories, has also been abandoned.

Apart from hitting major industrial firms such as COGE, Renault and Citroen, big nationalized banks like the Caisse Nationale de Paris and the Credit Lyonnais are left with huge bills on their hands. The French government's overseas insurance company, COFACE, is carrying risks on behalf of French companies worth a total of \$6.6b. To this has to be added as much as \$2.4b. in increased petrol prices and lost export orders for consumer and industrial goods.

One of the reasons for avoiding a worsening of the situation is the hope of some temporary settlement which can obviate a new burden on the French domestic tax bill. The government has already decided to carry an unprecedented budget deficit for 1980 of \$8.5b. to avoid extra taxes in the year before the presidential election.

But COFACE which underwrites the investments of French companies abroad says it will have to pay out \$960m. before the end of this year to compensate French companies and at least double that next year. These amounts will have to come from the French Treasury.

Caribbean storm

By HUGH O'SHAUGNESSY London

responsibility for Nevis indefinitely.

Temperatures are fraying as the Nevisians glare from their poor but spectacularly beautiful island-where Horatio Nelson was married - across 15 kilometres of blue sea to the equally beautiful St Kitts, once known as the Gibraltar of the Caribbean.

Lee Moore has had a series of meetings with British officials in London and is sticking to his argument that St Kitts and Nevis must go into independence together. Having lost Anguilla 12 years ago, Moore argues, anyway, that

relations between St Kitts and Nevis are an internal matter into which the British government in London should not poke its nose.

HOW WHITEHALL copes with this mini-crisis is being watched intently in another corner of the Caribbean. Antigua, another associated state like St Kitts-Nevis, which also wants to move from British tutelage to full independence.

Behind the tragicomic aspects of Caribbean politics are some larger political worries which are nagging the U.S. and other Western countries with interests in the Caribbean. Politics are hotting up in the region as revolutionaries make their mark in Central America and the Cubans seek to extend their influence to the small islands of the Eastern Caribbean and to Jamaica.

(Observer Foreign News Service)

Delicate food balance

By GWYNNE DYER London

There are large areas of the world where farming is hopelessly unproductive, generally because of political doctrines like collectivization or social structures like feudalism. In other areas, quite ordinary fluctuations in the weather can cause vast differences between the size of the harvests in consecutive years.

The Soviet Union provides a textbook example of both defects: a huge grain-growing area which is right at the northern limit for such crops even in good years, and a system of collective farming which is so perversely wrong-headed that it boggles belief. Even at the best of times, Soviet agriculture cannot feed the Soviet people, and the grain harvest this year is an estimated 60m. tonnes below that of 1978.

THE OTHER major problem area this year has been the Indian sub-continent. In large parts of which the monsoon rains came at the wrong time or in insufficient quantity. A whole belt across southern Africa has also been afflicted with drought. But at least India and the Soviet Union have their own considerable stock-piles of grain saved up from the good years, and with

the aid of imports from the West will be able to tide themselves over. The only major difficulty will arise if it proves impossible for the over-stressed transport systems in the food-exporting countries to get the food to the ports. This has recently proved a major constraint on exports in Argentina, Australia and especially Canada, leaving the United States to provide most of the extra food that is needed this year.

Since total world food trade will rise by 15m. tonnes to a record 185m. tonnes this year, that is a tall order for the U.S. to meet. The U.S. will probably manage it unless the winter is atrocious, but the margin between success and failure is not wide.

It is the longer-term aspect of the situation that is truly disturbing. The U.S. no longer has large areas of farmland taken out of production under federal price-support programmes, which can be quickly returned to use when total world food production falls and the demand for U.S. exports soars.

World food stocks will usually cover the shortfall in the first year of generally poor harvests, but during the two successive bad years of the mid-70s it was the rapid expansion of the area under cultivation in the U.S. that saved the world from major problems. Now there is very little U.S. agricultural land held out of production in any year, and this safety net is gone.

U.S. agricultural production is near its practical ceiling all the time, and elsewhere everybody is already growing as much as they can ship to market. The world can still weather a single year of bad yields by drawing on accumulated food stocks - but when they are depleted, and a second successive bad year follows, the poorer food-importing countries will be in real trouble.

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Herzliya casino party nets Toy Fund IL600

Jerusalem Post Staff
CONTRIBUTIONS CONTINUE to arrive with every mail for The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund. Yesterday IL47,379 came in, bringing the total so far to IL774,065.82. We are already a quarter of a million pounds ahead of last year's total. That covers inflation — so now we need to go higher to make this year's drive outstanding.

Since this is The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund's 31st drive, small wonder that we have so many traditional events taking place for the benefit of the Fund. The one we report on today comes from Herzliya.

The Fox's traditional Hanukkah casino for the Toy Fund in Herzliya was hindered in its gambling this year by an unexpected surge of heavy smoke into the gaming rooms. Nevertheless, not all the gamblers left the tables, and The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund has received IL600 as proceeds from the evening.

Right now we are organizing all our promised gifts that did not have to be out before Hanukkah. They come to a considerable amount. Even though our suppliers have held to their original offers, we are afraid new purchases will cost more. So, please, do not think you are late — just get your contributions in quickly so that we can see how much more can be done.

Mail your contributions to The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund, P.O.B. 51, Jerusalem, or bring them to The Fox's headoffice in Romema. In Jerusalem contributions are also accepted at the cashier's desk at the Plaza Hotel, Rehov King George. The Post's Tel Aviv office is at 11 Rehov Carlebach and in Haifa it is at 24 Rehov Herzl. Contributions also accepted at the Hadar Book Subscriptions, 18 Rehov Herzl (Beit Hakranot Passage) Haifa.

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- From Lili and Efraim, New York.
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- From Mrs. J. Goldham, South Parade, Nottingham, England.
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Money Matters

Effort to ward off a flight from the funds Defending mutual funds

played the stock market came up with a yield of only 44.2 per cent. "Theoretically, the best investment during the last 18 months was the index," the speakers admitted, but went on to point out that the index was only a calculating tool and "nobody could invest in the index." However, they could invest in index-linked bonds.

Anyone who 18 months ago bought through his bank or broker 100 per cent linked bonds would have received a yield of 162 per cent, slightly more than the index. However, anyone buying "optional" linked bonds would have received a yield quite a bit below the index.

The speakers pointed out that "hindsight" was a bad way to make comparisons. "It is dangerous to take one type of bond, or one type of foreign currency, or one type of stock market share, and compare it with the yields of any given fund. Few persons invest in one specific thing, and anyone building up an investment portfolio diversifies as far as possible to reduce the risks."

They claimed that this was precisely what the mutual funds did: they diversified their purchases to reduce the risk.

"In the long run," the speakers promised, "the mutual funds will out-perform or produce results just as good as any investment made by a private individual, in index-linked bonds, foreign currency or stocks. Moreover, the funds spared investors time and nerves."

All three components of these funds have their ups and downs, and the funds tend to level out these differences, they stressed.

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Representatives of the mutual funds affiliated with Bank Leumi, Discount and Mizrahi Monday mounted a counter-attack to explain why the yields of these funds (also known as unit trusts, or *kmutot* in Hebrew) were below those of the index.

The speakers at Beit Sokolov here evidently feared that some of the approximately half million persons who have invested about IL47 b. in mutual funds might "panic" and begin dumping them, as they recently did with index-linked bonds.

(Those who dumped their bonds lost considerable amounts, since the Bank of Israel moved in to support the market until the panic subsided.)

However, so far there has been no similar move by investors to divest themselves of the mutual funds, and redemptions in the last month were only about two per cent.

But, since the danger of panic does exist, the representatives of the mutual funds took the opportunity to explain their stand in view of the comparisons being made with the yields of these funds vis-a-vis the index.

According to figures published by the Bank of Israel, the index rose by 150 per cent over the last 18 months and the "currency basket" by 110 per cent. At the same time the average yield of the mutual funds invested mainly in index-linked bonds rose by only 133.4 per cent. The average yields of the mutual funds invested mainly in foreign currency were only 71.9 per cent, while those mutual funds which



The keys to his new Renault 5 are handed with a flourish to one of the lucky winners (right) in the Magen David Adom annual lottery, who is only identified as A.B. of Beerbeha. The officials at the brief ceremony Tuesday are MDA director-general Amitsur Kfir and the manager of the southern branch, Amram Eitan (left).

Higher quarterly sales at Elscint

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Elscint, the Haifa science-based industry whose shares are traded over-the-counter in the U.S., has just reported that sales for the quarter ending September 30 are up nearly 88 per cent over the same period last year. Net income was IL6.8m., compared with IL5.8m. a year earlier.

Earnings per share came to IL2.34 (3.07). Last year the quarterly earnings per share were IL2.15 (3.02). In the past six months the company earned \$6.15 per share.

The company reports that the lower earnings are attributable to higher marketing costs as well as greater setting-up costs for the new computerized tomograph, the Elscint-905. The machine, which costs between \$450,000 and \$600,000, depending on various configurations, is well received abroad and orders are increasing.

The company booked 25 orders in 1978, compared with only 12 for the earlier model during 1977. It recently expanded its manufacturing capacity to five units per month.

The Elscint-905 is the product of local research and development. Some 45 per cent of the company's shares are held by Eltron Electronics Industries.

With the expansion of the company's production capabilities Elscint is now in a position to capture some 10 per cent of the world's tomograph market, which has been estimated at some 600 units.

Lack of patrons forces Haifa's last cinemas to close soon

By YA'ACOV ARDON
HAIFA. — The city's surviving 20 cinemas, with a total of 20,000 seats, will close down early next month because they can no longer cover their costs, the owners announced yesterday.

A cinema ticket here still costs IL60 or less, of which about half goes to the municipality as entertainment tax. In June 1977 a Knesset committee recommended that local authorities scrap the tax, but Haifa municipality, the only one in the country, decided to hold on to it because it yields IL38m. in revenue.

At a meeting with Mayor Arie Gur'el a delegation of cinema owners was told that the city could not forgo this income. "We, on the other hand, don't want to raise ticket prices, because every time we do that we lose five to ten per cent of our patrons," the chairman of the owners' association, Yehuda Doron, explained.

"We feel that what the municipality is doing is unfair, because its own Rothschild and Abba Khouby community centres run cinemas which are exempt from entertainment tax. They are also subsidized by the rate-payers and allowed to show films on Friday night, when all commercial cinemas are kept closed by a by-law," he said.

In Tel Aviv cinemas may open on Friday night and 22 of them do so. A ticket there costs IL70 and the price will soon go up to IL80.

The Haifa labour council said Monday that if the cinema closed down, it would insist that the 800 employees, most of them war invalids, be protected. "If we close down there simply won't be any money to pay for anything," Doron said. He explained that under present conditions the owners were left with only IL22 of out of the IL80 paid by a customer. The ticket price contained also IL6 value-added tax.

"We are considering opening our cinemas on Friday nights, in defiance of the by-law. Our average occupancy is down to eight per cent. In the family-operated cinemas in the suburbs it is as low as 2 or 3 per cent," Doron said.

Cinema ticket prices have been controlled for 30 years and were decontrolled only recently. Haifa cinemas were closed the last time for three weeks at the end of 1977.

China opens door to foreign enterprises

TOKYO (AP). — China will extend preferential treatment to all foreign firms setting up enterprises or joint ventures in specially economic zones in South China's Shenzhen and Zhuhai, Guangdong provinces, the official Xinhua News Agency reported yesterday.

Xinhua said this was announced by Xi Zhongxun, chairman of the Provincial Revolutionary Committee, in a recent government work report to the second session of the Fifth Provincial People's Congress.

Xinhua quoted Xi as saying special management and an open-door policy will be introduced in these "special zones to encourage foreign businessmen, overseas Chinese and Chinese compatriots in Hongkong and Macao to set up enterprises with exclusive investment or joint ventures."

The special zones "will provide preferential conditions and facilities for the setting up of enterprises by foreign firms under state laws. After paying taxes, the enterprises are allowed to transmit their profits abroad through the Bank of China."

Counterfeit money

BELGRADE (UPI). — Counterfeit foreign currency has been flooding into Yugoslavia, especially with the upsurge in Yugoslav travelling abroad, the national news agency Tanjug said yesterday.

It said that over the past three years foreign counterfeit money to the total value of \$397,537 has been detected — most of it money dollars, West German marks and Swiss and French francs.

Limit on big car tax deductions

Post Economic Reporter

Businesses will no longer be able to claim tax deductible expenses on cars of more than 2,000 c.c. engine size brought into the country after January 1, 1980. The regulation takes effect on April 1, 1980.

Tuesday, when the Treasury brought the new regulation to the Knesset Finance Committee for approval, it sought to have the measure apply to all cars of this size, irrespective of their age. But the proposal was attacked and successfully amended by MK Haim Kaufman (Likud), himself the owner of a car that exceeds the 2,000 c.c. limit.

Expenses on smaller cars will still be recognized for tax purposes, as will those on second-hand larger cars.

Carless day idea goes back to gov't

By SHELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

The economic cabinet Tuesday once again failed to decide on the introduction of a carless day as a fuel-saving measure.

The entire energy topic and the proposed emergency powers of the energy minister were referred back to the government after it became clear that four members of the economic cabinet — Ministers David Levy, Yigael Hurvitz, Shmuel Tamir and Gideon Patt — opposed Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i (and the like-minded Transport Minister Haim Landa, who is still in hospital) on the question of the carless day.

Moda'i's proposal would give him the power, in an emergency, to restrict the use of cars, and establish priorities for the supply of electricity.

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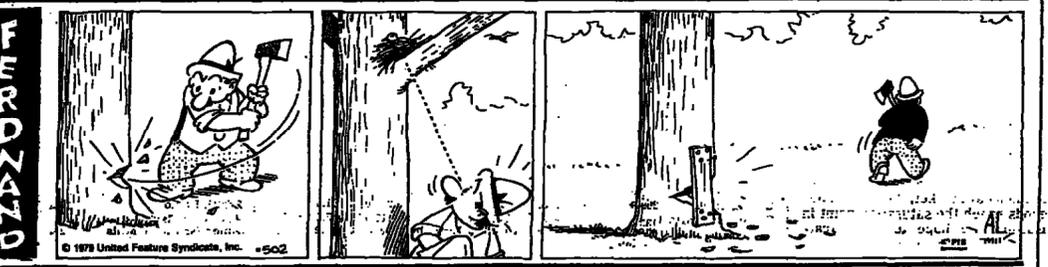
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Hadassah Tours

1. Medical Centre, Kiryat Hadassah, English Tours: 10.11.78, leaving from Kennedy Bldg., includes Chagall Windows. No charge. Friday tours begin at 8 a.m. by appointment only. Tel. 02-416333 or 02-492771.
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Presented by David Chen

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Easy or the Cryptic Puzzle.

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Band of singers (5)
- 2 Eggs (5)
- 3 Efficient (7)
- 4 Material (5)
- 5 Rib cut (5)
- 6 Search (5)
- 7 Travel carefully (7)
- 8 Potential flower (5)
- 9 Not working (4)
- 10 Fisherman (5)
- 11 Pig's nose (5)
- 12 Riddle (5)
- 13 Small amount (5)
- 14 Austrian 713 Vienna (4)
- 15 Neckwear (5)
- 16 Responses (5)
- 17 Measurement (5)
- 18 Money-purse (5)
- 19 Month (7)
- 20 Speedy (5)
- 21 Tastes nice (5)

DOWN

- 2 Paid attention to (6)
- 3 Frozen pendant (6)
- 4 Male sheep (3)
- 5 Custom (5)
- 6 Crouching (7)
- 7 AW in the past (4)
- 8 Save (5)
- 9 In short supply (5)
- 10 Time of darkness (5)
- 11 Dazzling light (5)
- 12 Power (5)
- 13 Engaged with fear (4)
- 14 Relatives (5)
- 15 Responses (7)
- 16 One or the other (5)
- 17 Substituted (5)
- 18 Irritated physically (6)
- 19 Speedy (5)
- 20 Tastes nice (5)
- 21 Tumbulous behaviour (4)
- 22 Favourite (3)

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Ace crook's muffer (6)
- 2 Continuing giving the bowlers stick! (5)
- 3 The new one just got here (7)
- 4 It's not to some duty as a stop-gap (5)
- 5 Turkeys at greater length? (5)
- 6 House dog? (5)
- 7 Flower arrangement for fans (7)
- 8 Cry (since you can't quite manage a laugh)? (3)

Yesterday's Easy solution
ACROSS—1. Limes, 7. Heron, 8. Broom, 10. Suez, 11. Ship, 12. Easter, 13. Bury, 14. Open, 15. Stone, 16. Arts, 17. Jew, 18. Jew, 19. Jew, 20. Jew, 21. Jew, 22. Jew, 23. Jew, 24. Jew, 25. Jew, 26. Jew, 27. Jew, 28. Jew, 29. Jew, 30. Jew, 31. Jew, 32. Jew, 33. Jew, 34. Jew, 35. Jew, 36. Jew, 37. Jew, 38. Jew, 39. Jew, 40. Jew, 41. Jew, 42. Jew, 43. Jew, 44. Jew, 45. Jew, 46. Jew, 47. Jew, 48. Jew, 49. Jew, 50. Jew, 51. Jew, 52. Jew, 53. Jew, 54. Jew, 55. Jew, 56. Jew, 57. Jew, 58. Jew, 59. Jew, 60. Jew, 61. Jew, 62. Jew, 63. Jew, 64. Jew, 65. Jew, 66. Jew, 67. Jew, 68. Jew, 69. Jew, 70. Jew, 71. Jew, 72. Jew, 73. Jew, 74. Jew, 75. Jew, 76. Jew, 77. Jew, 78. Jew, 79. Jew, 80. Jew, 81. Jew, 82. Jew, 83. Jew, 84. Jew, 85. Jew, 86. Jew, 87. Jew, 88. Jew, 89. Jew, 90. Jew, 91. Jew, 92. Jew, 93. Jew, 94. Jew, 95. Jew, 96. Jew, 97. Jew, 98. Jew, 99. Jew, 100. Jew.

Yesterday's Cryptic solution
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הכרזת האסון

Electric Corp. lost on operations during year

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
TEL AVIV. — At the same time that Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i announced that workers of the Electric Corporation (IEC) would be charged for the electricity after the first 400 kilowatts they use, the company yesterday published its annual report for the period ending March 31, 1979, which showed that the company operated at a loss.

Why travel when we're already there? Italians shun holidays abroad

MILAN. — Italian tourism has had another record year, thanks to the reluctance of Italians to go abroad. Popular as the country is with foreign holiday-makers, the performance of its tourist industry might look very ordinary but for its stay-at-home citizenry. There is no mystery why Italians find their own country attractive. Even allowing for double digit annual inflation in recent years, holidays in Italy are inexpensive compared with those in most other countries of Western Europe and North America.

Index bonds continue moving up

TEL AVIV. — The index-linked bond market maintained its upward march yesterday as nearly all groups chalked up gains, which in some cases reached the 3 per cent level. Trading turnovers were somewhat lower than on Tuesday and stood at IL29.5m. After a period of about three weeks it seems that brokers and investment managers are proving that "index-linked bonds have not gone out of style yet."

South America. — For those who have the time and money and who seek an exotic experience, Pelours is organizing a South American tour beginning at the famous Rio carnival. After the carnival the tour continues to the main cities and attractions of Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Mexico.

Discount Bankholding and IDB to pay 40% bonus

TEL AVIV. — At extraordinary general meetings the Israel Discount Bankholding (IDBH) and the Israel Discount Bank (IDB) have declared the distribution of bonus shares at the rate of 40 per cent in shares of the same class as held by shareholders.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Group, Name, Closing price, Volume, Change. Lists various stocks like IDB, IDBH, and various industrial and financial shares.

New York Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Name, Closing price, Change. Lists various New York Stock Exchange shares like Allied Chemical, Avco, Boeing, etc.

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Industrial perpetuum mobile?
The company, which has already ordered a generator, hopes to begin the three-year pilot project by next September.

Kibbutz keeps carpenters 'on the level'
By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Kibbutz Hagsholim in the Upper Galilee expects its export of "spirit levels" to be almost double in 1980, Michael Drori, head of the Mepro Tools plant, told the press here yesterday.

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Challenging the Histadrut's leaders

'We'll use every legal means to stop the Alignment from running wild,' the leader of the labour federation's Likud faction, Meir Cohen, MK, tells Jerusalem Post reporter JOSHUA BRILLIANT.



Meir Cohen

'YOU'VE GOT two options when you face a lion,' said Avraham Fried, the secretary of the Likud faction in the Histadrut.

Fried was describing the faction's alternatives. Not that the Likud is choking the Histadrut, and the faction chairman, MK Meir Cohen, denied in an interview with The Jerusalem Post that it had any intention of doing so.

The Alignment's attempts this week to oust Cohen from the Histadrut prove how successful the 52-year-old lawyer from Haifa has been in getting the goat of the Histadrut leaders.

Cohen, conspicuous in his black skull-cap among the Histadrut leadership, is a sharp thorn in the Alignment's side. He gave up his law practice two years ago to become a full-time politician and dedicated himself to harassing the Histadrut leadership. He believes the Labour Alignment is trying to use the Histadrut to topple the Likud-led government.

THE POWER struggle between the Alignment and the Likud has moved from the Knesset to the Histadrut, said Cohen in an interview this week. 'They can't do anything in the Knesset. But with us they have a majority, so they're running wild,' he snorted.

The Histadrut had planned to paralyse the economy on November 28, in protest against Finance Minister Hurvitz's austerity package plan, Cohen charged. The Labour government had also raised prices, he said, but had never offered such swift compensation. The Histadrut did not call strikes then.

The Likud leader said he had

demagogue than with a lion.' Mesheh's predecessor, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, had said clearly what he wanted, Cohen said. 'Mesheh asks workers rhetorical questions and blows kisses in the air. Not all workers are capable of distinguishing between demagoguery and realistic leadership...our job is to get the workers to think, so that they don't act like robots.'

Declaring that 'we'll use every legal means to stop the Alignment from running wild,' Cohen asserted that they had already manoeuvred the Histadrut majority into demanding full compensation for price rises, although the ruling Alignment had wanted the cost of living allowance to compensate wage earners for only 80 per cent.

The Likud had presented the required number of signatures to convene a special meeting of the Histadrut executive to discuss the demand for 100 per cent compensation, and the Alignment faction felt it could not oppose this.

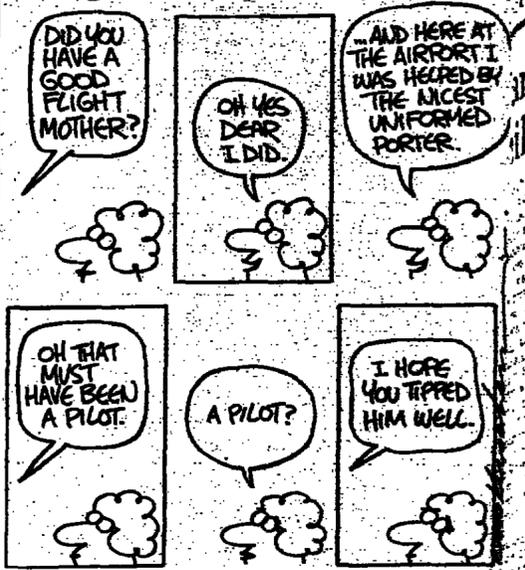
The decision weakened the Histadrut, said Cohen, because it strengthened the Government's case against reopening wage agreements. He reasoned that workers who receive IL2,000 to IL3,000 a month to compensate for price rises are not likely to fight for new wage agreements to win a few hundred pounds more.

By thus reinforcing the finance minister's demand that the present wage agreements be extended by a year, said Cohen, 'I am giving Hurvitz a chance to improve the economy.'

HE CHALLENGED the labour federation to increase the pay of its own employees rather than fight the government and the private employers for higher wages. The Histadrut controls a third of Israel's industry.

'Let it earn 5 per cent less profit' he said. 'Bank Hapoalim can make do with a IL700m. a year profit in-

Dry Bones



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'You know why? Because the leaders want to play politics and negotiate with the finance minister so that they can present an image of an organization that fights for the workers.'

The Likud leader also supported compulsory arbitration of labour disputes. He maintained that the reason the Histadrut opposes it is so as not to diminish the trade union's role in settling disputes.

To protect their monopoly on representing workers, the trade unionists even barred lawyers from representing employees in parity committees, something of which he had had personal experience.

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A belated airlift

FIVE WEEKS ago the cabinet decided to allow the Gush Emunim settlers at Eilon Moreh an extension of four to six weeks in which to complete the evacuation of their outpost near Nablus.

Land actually belonging to the Arab petitioners in the Eilon Moreh case was to be returned to them at once, as decreed by the High Court, and it was.

In an editorial comment the following day The Post found the vagueness of the time granted — four to six weeks — itself a cause for worry. 'It seems to serve notice that there is as yet no final and irrevocable deadline for withdrawal from Eilon Moreh.'

The remark was of the sort that tends to be increasingly resented by the country's powers-that-be. Why doubt the Government's word when it is solemnly given?

Earlier this week the question was answered in the whirl of the army helicopters that rushed earth-moving equipment to Jabal Kabir, the suggested new site for Eilon Moreh's settlers. The military airlift, it is said, was designed to speed up preparations for the final evacuation, due next Thursday.

But the helicopters were thrown too late into this race against the clock, and there is no likelihood that Jabal Kabir will be ready to admit settlers within a week. Chances are that next Sunday the cabinet will be asked to grant itself, and Gush Emunim, another extension to comply with the High Court ruling.

As reported at the time, the 'implied intent' of the original decision was that the Eilon Moreh settlers would, within a week or two, express readiness to accept the alternative site at Jabal Kabir: if they did not, they would be evicted by the government without further ado.

This intent was not, in fact, impressed on Gush Emunim leaders. Instead Mr. Begin started negotiations with Mr. Katsor of Eilon Moreh, as though they were representatives of two sovereign powers haggling over a contested piece of territory. For a moment it seemed that the Gush would agree to evacuation without preconditions to Jabal Kabir.

The following morning, however, word came that the settlers would not budge without a firm government commitment to alter the legal status of Judea and Samaria in such a way as to ensure the safety of existing and the prospect of future Jewish settlements in these areas, even if autonomy comes.

The commitment has been denied. Yesterday, in the Knesset, the coalition, with support from the opposition, put aside a bid by the Banai faction for the immediate application of Israel law to the administered areas.

However, response to Gush recalcitrance was not prompt eviction from Eilon Moreh but, on the contrary, a belated start, by the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Department, of work at Jabal Kabir. Belatedly, too, it was discovered that the road leading to the site is inadequate, that the terrain is difficult, and that it rains — cats and dogs sometimes — this season of the year. Then came the belated airlift.

A plea of force majeure is therefore to be made to Attorney-General Zamir to get him to approve a further extension of the deadline for carrying out the court order.

The supporting argument will probably be that if the first extension, endorsed (though somewhat reluctantly) by Prof. Zamir, did not amount to contempt of court, then neither should a second one: that it is all just a matter of administrative convenience.

That may be so. But it will not prevent the Government from being in contempt of itself while delivering this latest blow to its own credibility.

Housing for show

UNDER Finance Minister Hurvitz's retrenchment plan the Government has cut credit to others, but has so far not cut credit to itself. The Treasury continues to 'print' large sums of money each month, to finance its own bulging deficits.

Nor is that grave situation likely to be remedied during the coming fiscal year — if Ariel Sharon's Settlement Committee has its way. The decision to double the number of Israeli residents in the administered areas, by building 6,200 new homes, will cost between IL10b. and IL15b., all of which must come from the national exchequer.

Leaving aside the political aspect of the decision, the impact of such a programme on attempts to rehabilitate the economy must be considered.

Mr. Hurvitz takes refuge in his claim that it costs no more to build in Ariel or Karmel Shomron than in Petah Tikva. This is nonsense, for two reasons. The first is that the infrastructure in Petah Tikva already exists. It does not exist in Judea or Samaria, and would have to be constructed from scratch.

The second reason why Mr. Hurvitz's comparison is inept is that the number of flats which have to be erected in Petah Tikva and other places inside the 'green line' will not be affected more than marginally by Mr. Sharon's housing programme in the West Bank.

A spokesman of the World Zionist Organization, who are partners with the government in the Settlement Committee, declared on Tuesday that there is no shortage of settler candidates for the scheme. We have heard that one before. Existing villages (apart from Gush Etzion) contain a handful of dwellers, not enough to start any serious economic activity. This is one of the reasons why they constitute such a drain on budgetary resources: they are too small (in many cases) to be self-supporting.

Not surprisingly a fair number of the pioneers who defiantly man these strongpoints keep a foot inside Israel proper. They commute across the 'green line' to work, and keep a place of residence, if it is only a room in the parental household, back home.

Assuming that Housing Minister David Levy achieves his target of increasing the number of flat completions from 7,000 to 12,000 (the 1976 figure) — is he ready to build more than half in the administered areas, leaving less than last year's figure for the rest of the country?

That is quite obviously not feasible; which puts paid to Yigael Hurvitz's preposterous claim that Mr. Sharon's project is just a part of the normal housing programme. It is in fact something different, and very costly. It can only be financed by printing money, a destructive practice that Mr. Hurvitz has staked his reputation on terminating.

READERS' LETTERS

THE AYATOLLAH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I would like to protest very strongly against the article written by Philip Gillon which appeared on December 7, entitled 'Rule of the Ayatollahs'.

I believe that in Israel, it is a punishable offence to call a Jew a Nazi and as the Ayatollah has shown himself to be comparable to the leader of the Nazis, how dare Mr. Gillon refer to Jews, no matter what his political disagreements with them are, as 'Ayatollahs'.

Philip Gillon, under the guise of a television reviewer, spews forth his anti-religious views and his personal spite attacks on the various religious leaders: it is abominable. The unbalanced reporting of The Jerusalem Post is something we have become accustomed to, but Mr. Gillon has exceeded all reasonable bounds.

ESTHER SUGARMAN Tel Aviv.

Identical copies of the above letter have been received from several more readers. — Ed. J.P.

Philip Gillon comments: The word 'Ayatollahs' appeared in the title of my article, not the text. As far as I know, 'ayatollah' is a religious title, like 'imam' or 'reverend' or 'rabbi'. I did not compare any Jew to the specific Ayatollah, Khomeini, who is presumably the Nazi-like leader to whom Mrs. Sugarmann refers. I certainly would never make such a comparison. In the article, I specifically stated that I had nothing against any religion, Islam or Christianity or Judaism.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a foreigner working as a volunteer on a kibbutz and a member of the Canadian section of Amnesty International, I have been following with great interest the reaction here in Israel to Amnesty's recent report. I would like to clarify a few points.

Firstly, Amnesty International is not merely a group of 'earnest young do-gooders,' as stated by The Post's David Krivine on December 17. Its intelligence-gathering is in the same league as many nations' due to the grass roots nature of its methods and its world-wide membership. As an attestation to its effectiveness, 3,000 of its prisoner-of-conscience cases have been released since the group came into being and it holds consultative status to the UN.

Secondly, criticisms made by Amnesty concerning nations are non-partisan and non-biased. They are also handled by the organization in proper perspective, keeping in mind frequency and nature of violations and previous record of the country. I first learned of Israel's exemplary policies against the use of capital punishment (Amnesty opposes the death sentence) in an Amnesty report. At the same time, I might add, I received a letter from the Syrian UN Mission berating me for 'aiding Zionism' in response to an Amnesty letter. I wrote expressing concern over Syria's human rights violations.

Amnesty's criticisms should be taken constructively and its sincere aims supported. It is not trying to destroy nations' morale — it is only trying to make a better world. Kibbutz Yiron. MARK GOODWIN

HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It is a known fact that Israel is supporting the Christian population of Lebanon. Israel is harshly criticized even by friends (including the U.S.) and accused of contemplating the establishment of an independent Christian state on part of the territory of Lebanon.

What is unknown to the general public is that the idea of Israel's support of Christians in Lebanon and the establishment of a Christian separate state came originally from the Vatican. The undersigned was personally involved in this.

About 17 years ago, I was on my way from New York to Israel and stopped for a couple of days in Paris to see my cousin. He advised me that Colonel Claude Arnauld wanted to see me on a very important matter. During World War II, Colonel Arnauld (a Frenchman) served in Winston Churchill's Headquarters with the honorary rank of general. When I met him in Paris, he was serving in the intelligence services of the Vatican.

The main subject of the conversation was Lebanon. Colonel Arnauld described the political, economical and social situation of Lebanon and the increasing influence of the Moslems. The only way to secure the future of Christians in Lebanon he said, was to have a separate state and for this, he added, 'we need support of Israel.'

I interrupted him to ask if 'we' meant him or the Vatican in whose service he was working. His answer was clear: he was speaking in the Vatican's name and the purpose of the meeting was a request to pass this idea to our Prime Minister or/and our Chief of Staff. (I knew both of them personally, a fact of which Colonel Arnauld was aware.)

The next day, I arrived in Tel Aviv and called on the Chief of Staff. Two days later, contact was established with Colonel Arnauld in Addis Abeba (where he was attending a conference of Arab and African countries) to follow up the matters discussed in Paris.

About a year later, I was invited to attend a dinner party given in honour of Colonel Arnauld at the Tel Aviv Sheraton.

SPHRAIM LOTAN San Jose, Costa Rica.

NOT ANTI-ZIONIST ENOUGH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Among the many completely unbiased statements in the article of Shmuel Katz, 'Dangerous Duplicity' (December 24), I have found that Katz states that CONAME 'promoted the propaganda of such Jewish protagonists of the dissolution of Israel as Dr. Israel Shahak.'

It is beneath my honour to correct

Katz's opinions about me, but I wish to state that CONAME has never helped me in any way, and that I have been sharply opposed to that body during its existence because of its intransigent attitude with the human rights of non-Jews and because of its refusal to condemn Zionism as a racist organization and ideology. Jerusalem. ISRAEL SHAHAK

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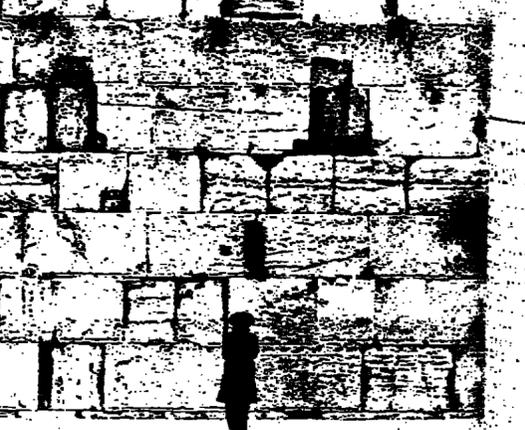
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POSTSCRIPTS

A JERUSALEM telephone news-line to Boston, using services of The Jerusalem Post, has been introduced by the information department of the World Zionist Organization. It provides twice-daily bulletins to those dialing a certain phone number, according to Eli Eyal, head of the information department, in a briefing to the information committee of the Zionist General Council presidium recently.

I.B. OF HAIFA writes: 'I have friends who regularly travel by air all over the world, leaving their children behind in care of grandparents. Invariably — up to now — they fly in separate planes, as a sort of safety precaution. 'Since their last visit to Israel, however, they have decided that the next time they come here they will fly together — but will take separate taxis to their hotel.' *** IN ILFORD, England, Ronald Marks, 54, was found not guilty recently on a charge of shoplifting, but was arrested as he left the courtroom on a charge of stealing a juror's coat. That sounds like hutzpa he could ill afford.